MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

EIGHTH DAY.

Friday, 28th December 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Adoption of Kannada as official language.

Q.—12. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they would take immediate steps to adopt Kannada as the official language of the New State ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government) [on behalf of SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister)].—

The matter is under the consideration of Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮಾಧವಾಚಾರ್.—ಮದರಾಸ್ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಪ್ರಾಂತದ ಭಾಷೆಯನ್ನು ಆಡಳಿತದ ಭಾಷೆಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮಾಧವಾಚಾರ್.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತಡಮಾಡದೆ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri T. ANANTHA PAI.—What is the difficulty in adopting Kannada as the official language ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—There are very many difficulties.

Allegations against the Municipal President of Pandavapura Municipality.

Q.—1. Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the Municipal Councillors have presented a petition to the Chief Minister on 25th September 1956, making allegations against the Municipal President of Pandavapura Municipality and the petition is being sent to the Department of Efficiency Audit and Anti-Corruption ;

(*b*) if so, the nature of allegations (details may be given) ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal President has drawn Rs. 10,750 by way of advance in the name of the contractor of the bus stand building ;

(*d*) if so, whether it is permissible under the law ;

(*e*) the action taken on the petition ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The allegations are:—

(1) that monthly meetings are not held for the last one year and expenditure incurred without sanction ;

(2) that contract for the construction of the Bus Stand has been entrusted to a contractor of the President's choice without calling for tenders and that an advance of Rs. 10,750 has been made without sanction ;

(3) misuse of Municipal seal for evasion of entertainment tax in connection with the shows of the Karnataka Amusement Park ;

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(4) that civil and criminal cases have been launched by the President without Municipal sanction and that remissions have also been sanctioned without the knowledge of the Municipality;

(5) that the President has issued a wrong endorsement to Sri M. S. Nagabhushana Rao to the effect that Municipal arrears due by him have been paid in full although a case had been launched against in the Munsiff's Court and a decree had also been passed.

(6) that the continuance of the President is against the provisions of Section 23 (10) of the Town Municipal Act of 1951 as warrants have been issued against him by the Munsiff, Srirangapatna in Ex. No. 549/55 on the file of his Court;

(7) that the President has not authorised the Vice-President to exercise his powers although a Vice-President has been elected.

(*c*) He has paid that amount as advance to the Contractor by cheques on different dates;

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The matter is under investigation.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know the action taken by Government on this petition?

***Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.**—The petition has been referred to the Special Officer, Efficiency Audit and he has been requested to enquire into the matter and report.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—You have admitted that the President has paid that amount as advance to the contractor, and that it is against the law. What action has Government taken against the President for this offence?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I have admitted nothing.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—By 'you' I mean the Government, Sir.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That question is being examined.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether the President has paid that amount as advance in spite of the opposition from the Councillors?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I do not know.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—Will the Government look into the matter and take action?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Certainly.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know when the matter was entrusted to the Department of Efficiency Audit and Anti-Corruption for enquiry?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—In November.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—Has any time limit been fixed for the submission of the report?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The officer is requested to send the report as early as possible.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether a similar petition was presented to the Commissioner during his inspection of the office?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I do not know.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—In spite of the petition the Commissioner has not looked into these allegations?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—The Deputy Commissioner is personally aware of these allegations and still he is not taking any action.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—He has taken action. He has reported the matter.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Will the Government be pleased to say when the matter was referred to the Anti-Corruption Branch? Is there no other agency for setting these things right promptly?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The Sub-Division Officer is also requested to go into the matter and report.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The allegations are very serious. What has the Sub-Division Officer done during these three months?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Immediately the allegations were brought to the notice of Government the Sub-Division Officer was asked to

*Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

go into the matter and the report is awaited.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—No doubt, Government has referred the matter immediately. What steps have been taken by our other executives to set these matters right promptly ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—In these matters, unless the allegations are brought to the notice of the officers concerned, they do not generally look into them. Generally, they inspect the office once or twice a year. But unless specific charges are brought to the notice of the concerned officers, they do not look into the matter immediately.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I know whether it is the information of Government that these allegations are not specific ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I have never said like that.

Srl H. V. KOUJALGI.—Has the Officer submitted at least a preliminary report ?

Srl R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Not yet.

Relief measures taken in respect of houses which collapsed in Bangalore due to rains.

Q.—154. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the relief measures taken by them in respect of houses which collapsed in Bangalore on 15th and 16th October due to heavy rains ;

(*b*) whether the Corporation of Bangalore requested them for financial aid in connection with taking up relie measures ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that neither they nor the Corporation have taken relief measures so for ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The extent to which Government can aid the people affected is still being examined in consultation with the Corporation authorities ;

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) *Vide* reply to clause (*a*) above.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಆ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮನೆಗಳು ಬಿದ್ದಿವೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರು ಸತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

* ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಸುಮಾರು ನಾನೂರು ಮನೆಗಳು ಬಿದ್ದಿವೆ, ಸುಮಾರು ಇನ್ನೂರು ಗುಡಿಸಲುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಪಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ, ಸುಮಾರು ಮೂರು ನಾಲ್ಕು ಜನರು ಸತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಅವರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಪರಿಹಾರ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಕಳೆದ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 15, 16ನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖು ಜನರು ಸತ್ತು ಅಷ್ಟೆಲ್ಲ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಇನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆ ? ಜನ ವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಮನೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಬೀದಿ ಫುಟ್-ಪಾತ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is an argument ; it is not a question.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಮದುವೆ ಆದಮೇಲೆ ಮೇಳ ಊದಿದರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹಾಗೆ, ಅವರು ಸತ್ತು ಅವರ ಮನೆ ಮಠಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹೋಗಿ. . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—I understand the feelings of the Hon'ble Member Sri Naidu, but this is question time. After the question time is over, he will have some opportunity to ventilate his grievances. Therefore, if he has any supplementaries to put, he may do so.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಆದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಗಮನಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದು ನಿಜ. ಹನ್ನೆರಡು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್‌ನವರು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಯಾವ ಯಾವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—What is the amount of financial aid asked for by the Corporation ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—About Rs. 12 lakhs.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Does a question like this take two months for consideration ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Does it not clearly show that the Government is not very keen on considering this question very sympathetically ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Government is very keen.

Sri H. S. METGUD.—With reference to clause (*a*) may I know whether the government have asked the Corporation